

Status of Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Services for Older Adults

To meet requests of federal and state officials, the Senior Tar Heel Legislature, our partners and stakeholders, the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) has surveyed the statewide network of Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) providers to assess service needs and learn about issues facing the service delivery system. DAAS has surveyed the network six times since February 2009, most recently in March 2014. Statewide 315 providers were contacted, 254 responded (81%).

The Triangle J Council of Governments, Region J serves 7 counties: Chatham, Durham, Johnston, Lee, Moore, Orange, and Wake.

11 of the 12 county-level HCCBG providers responded, for a response rate of 83%.

Results

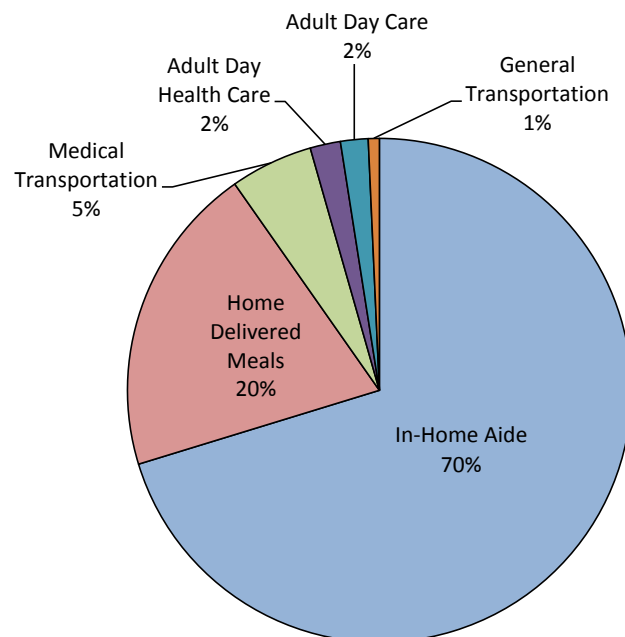
50% of Information & Assistance providers reported an increase in service requests and 40% said that the community resources that they can refer have decreased

57% of the Senior Centers are experiencing an increased demand for programs and services

565 seniors were reportedly waiting for home and community services; when projecting responses to 100%, there was an estimated number of 828 individuals on the waiting list.

Number of seniors on the waiting list by service

Service	# Waiting
In-Home Aide	397
Home Delivered Meals	113
Medical Transportation	30
Adult Day Health Care	11
Adult Day Care	10
General Transportation	4



What some Region J providers are doing to promote efficiencies and meet challenges:

In-Home Aide: 67% are prioritizing applicants; 67% are reassessing clients to reduce services; 33% are reducing the number of in-home aide service

Home-Delivered Meals: 60% are prioritizing applicants

Congregate Nutrition: 40% are prioritizing applicants

Medical Transportation: 50% are reducing the number of clients served; 50% are reducing number of trips served; 50% are reassessing to identify clients whose service can be reduced or ended

Current challenges regarding funding and volunteerism

19% stated that United Way funds, county government and consumer contributions have decreased

25% said that the volunteers have gotten smaller; 25% said that the number of hours volunteers contribute have decreased

About the Home and Community Care Block Grant

Established in 1992 under NCGS 143B-181.1(a)(11), the HCCBG was devised to provide a "common funding stream" for a comprehensive and coordinated system of home and community-based services and opportunities for older adults. HCCBG services are available to people age 60 and older, although the "average" client is nearly 80 and the program targets individuals who are socially and economically needy.

HCCBG is administered through the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services and the Area Agencies on Aging. It combines federal and state funds with a local match, and it gives county commissioners discretion in budgeting and administering aging funds.

HCCBG Services at a Glance (Services offered in Region J are bolded in this list)

Adult day care and day health care**Respite**

Care management

Information & assistance**In-home aide services****Congregate and home-delivered meals****General and medical transportation****Senior centers**

Senior companion

Housing and home repair

Health screenings

Health promotion and disease prevention

Skilled home health